GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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PENDING PROJECTS OF ASSAM
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite Union Government`s commitment for accelerated development of the North East, no project from Assam, the biggest State of the region for 2001-2002, had been approved by his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the projects from Assam pending with the Union Government on April, 2001 and those submitted by the Government of Assam during the year 2001-02;

(c) whether Assam comprises a population of 3 crore against other North-Eastern States with an average of less than 30 lacs;

(d) if so, the reasons for non-clearance of the projects in Assam; and

(e) the time by which the pending projects are likely to be cleared by the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): No, Sir. The following projects/schemes were approved by this Ministry during 2001-2002:

i) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of`Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns` (IDSMT) 3 new towns were covered and Central assistance amounting to Rs.258.30 lakhs was released to Assam. However, no proposals for ongoing towns were submitted by the State Government of Assam during the year 2001-02.

ii) Under the `Central Urban Infrastructure Support Scheme` (CUISS), Central assistance amounting to Rs.8.00 lakhs was released to 4 towns of Assam for preparation of Project Reports.

iii) This Ministry had approved two projects viz; `Construction of 3- storey RCC buildings for urban poor` (180) units at Borsojai, Guwahati at a Project cost of Rs.8.21 crores and `Housing for safai karamcharis` at Guwahati at a cost of Rs.7.46 crores.

iv) `Construction of central block at house federation complex, urban areas` at a project cost of Rs.652.41 lakhs by HUDCO.

v) `Construction of Workshed cum housing scheme for handicraft art, Nalbari` at a project cost of Rs.21.48 lakhs by HUDCO.

vi) `Construction of International Centre for Trade Fair, Guwahati` at a Project cost of Rs.1709.79 lakhs by HUDCO.

(b): As on April, 2001 no projects were pending with this Ministry. However, during 2001-02, the following projects were submitted by the Government of Assam to HUDCO, which are still in the pipeline for being sanctioned:

i) `Commercial Complex` at Guwahati;
ii) `Construction of apartments at Christian Basti Guwahati`;
iii) `House Federation Centre at Guwahati` and
iv) `Construction of housing complex at Sewali Path Haitgaon`.

(c): As per the provisional population figures of 2001 Census furnished by the Office of the Registrar General of India, Assam has population of 26,638,407 while all other North Eastern States have an average of less than 30 lakhs of population except Tripura which has a population of 3,191,168. This clearly establishes the fact that as per the population figures, Assam is the largest State in the North Eastern Region.

(d): Not applicable, as the projects mentioned in reply to part (b) of the Question are in the pipeline for being sanctioned.

(e): This Ministry is giving special thrust for Clearing of projects/schemes in the entire North Eastern Region.